L. H. J. Capt. Addison, from the Committee appointed to inspect into the State and Condition of the Arms and Ammunition, &c. acquaints Mr. Speaker, that Committee had made choice of Benjamin Beall to be their Clerk: The House approves the Choice. Ordered, That he be qualified in the usual Manner.

Ordered, That Capt. Addison, with five more, do present the Address to his Honour the President.

Col. Hooper, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to his Honour the President; which was read, approved, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

Major Charles Ridgely, a Delegate returned to serve in this Assembly for Baltimore County, appeared in the House. Ordered, That Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Franklin do go with him to the Upper House, to see him there qualified: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

On motion that a Bill be brought in, to prevent slaves that are superannuated, or become useless to their Masters, and are manumitted by them, or discharged from their Service, from becoming burthensome to the Public, and to prevent Slaves from being manumitted by the last Will and Testament of their Masters; Leave is given: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. Hooper, from the Committee of Laws delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Ingrossed Address; viz.

To the Honourable Benjamin Tasker, Esq; President of his Lordship's Honourable Council in Maryland, and Commander in Chief thereof;

The humble Address of the House of Delegates of said Province. May it please your Honour,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of the said Province, in Assembly convened, return your Honour our unfeigned Thanks, for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session.

It is with much Concern we reflect on the Loss sustained by this Province, in the Death of our late worthy Governor: But at the same Time, it affords us great Satisfaction, that the Administration of the Government hath devolved upon your Honour, who are certainly under all the Ties of Nature and Interest to promote the Happiness of Maryland: And you may be assured, that our ready and hearty Concurrence shall never be wanting, with every Measure that can be devised, for the Ease and Prosperity of the Good People of this Province; which we are under every Obligation of Nature, Interest, and Duty, to promote and advance to the utmost of our Power.